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Dear Ms. Jacobs-Simmons:

The State of West Virginia's Strategic State Plan for Title I of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and the Wagner Peyser Act will expire on June 30, 2012. In accordance with Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) Number 21-11, West Virginia is requesting that the United States Department of Labor (USDOL) grant a temporary extension of the West Virginia WIA/Wagner Peyser State Plan and waivers through August 15, 2012. This also includes a request for an extension of our current negotiated performance targets until new goals can be requested.

The request to extend the current plan is to allow time to facilitate cross-program strategic planning. More specifically, this will allow us time to coordinate and integrate the Trade Adjustment Assistance Program and the Agricultural Outreach Plan into the WIA/W-P State Plan.

As indicated in TEGL Number 21-11, the State of West Virginia will negotiate the WIA/Wagner Peyser performance goals for PY 2012.

With regard to waiver requests, below is a description of each of the six (6) currently approved waivers that we wish to continue in PY 2012:

- ***Waiver of the Funds Transfer Limitation at WIA Section 133(b)(4):***
This waiver allows the State to approve local area requests to transfer up to 50 percent of local area allocations between the WIA Adult and Dislocated Worker funding streams.
- ***Extension of the Waiver of the Time Limit on the Period of Initial Eligibility for Training Providers at 20 CFR 663.530:***
Under this waiver, the State will be able to provide an opportunity for training providers to re-enroll and be considered enrolled as initially eligible providers.

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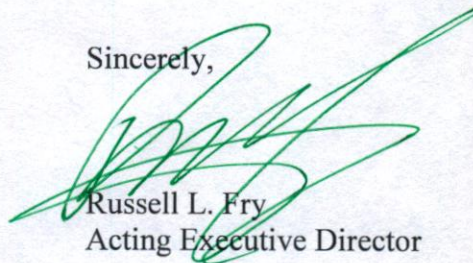
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- ***Extension of a Waiver to Permit the use of Individual Training Accounts (ITAs) for Older Youth Program Participants:***
This waiver will allow the State to increase training options for youth.
- ***Extension of the Waiver to Replace the 17 Current Performance Measures with the Common Measures:***
This waiver will allow the State to report WIA outcomes against the common performance measures only, rather than the performance measures described at WIA Section 136(b).
- ***Extension of the Waiver of WIA Section 101(31)(B) to increase the employer reimbursement for on-the-job training; and***
- ***Extension of the Waiver of the required 50 percent employer contribution for customized training at WIA Section 101(8)(C).***

If you have questions or comments, or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (304) 558-7024.

Sincerely,



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